# Learning How to Clean With Safer Chemicals



**RPN** webinar

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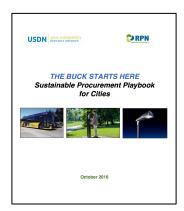
RPN is a nonprofit network that develops cutting-edge tools to help government agencies, public institutions and businesses purchase sustainable products and services.





#### **RPN Resources**

- >20 Responsible Purchasing Guides
- Webinars
- RPN newsletter
- Model specifications
- Technical assistance
- Sample purchasing policies
- Calculators and other tools









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We will compile and answer them...

- After each presenter and
- At the end of the webinar





### **Polling Question #1**

### What is your biggest concern about green cleaning products?

**VOTE NOW** 







#### **Presenters**



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### Why Buy Green Cleaners?

- Protect workers
- Improve indoor air quality
- Save money
  - -Eliminate aerosols and other RTU cleaning products
  - -Reduce liability costs
- Earn green building credits







### **Environmental and Health Concerns**

- Acute Exposure to Toxic Chemicals
  - Chemical burns/serious injury to the eyes, skin or lungs
  - Headaches and central nervous system (CNS) effects
- Chronic Exposure to Toxic Chemicals
  - Asthma, cancer, reproductive and developmental toxicity, endocrine disruption
  - Toxicity to fish and other aquatic species



Packaging Waste and Transportation Impacts





### **Cleaning Chemicals Linked** to Asthma

05/22/2015 10:15 am ET | Updated May 25, HEALTHY LIVING 2016

#### The Cleaning Products At Your Office Could Be **Triggering Asthma Symptoms**





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#### By Roxanne Nelson

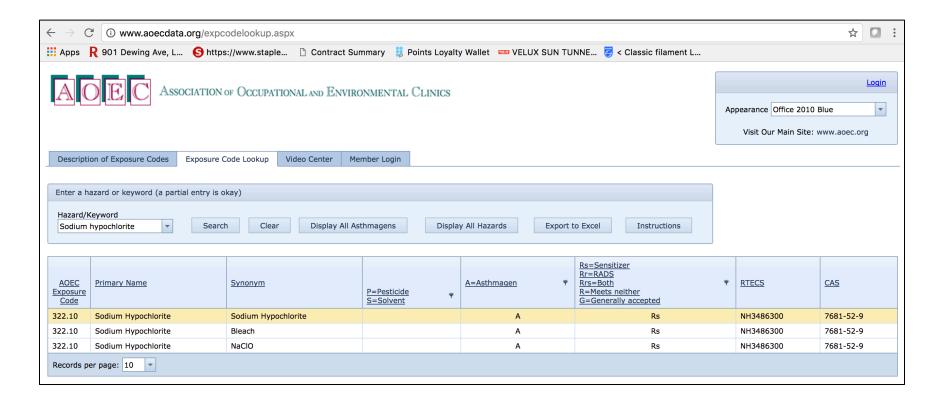
(Reuters Health) - Fumes from cleaning products used at work can make existing asthma worse, according to a new study of professional cleaning service employees.

Products such as bleach, glass cleaner, detergents and air fresheners exacerbated asthma-related symptoms for the women, and their reduced lung function lasted until the morning after exposure, in some cases getting worse with time.

# products can trigger



#### **How to Find Asthmagens**







#### **Green Cleaners**

- General-/Multi-Purpose Cleaners
- (Neutral) Floor Cleaners
- Restroom Cleaners (Non-Disinfecting)
- Carpet Cleaners
- Cleaner-Degreasers
- Glass Cleaners
- Peroxide-based Cleaners
- Floor Polish and Strippers
- Specialty Cleaners (Deodorizers, Drain Maintainer, Furniture/Metal Polish, Graffiti/Stain Remover, Laundry/Dish Detergent, Sprays/Wipes)





# **Specifications for Green Cleaners**

- Third Party-Certified for Low Toxicity and High Performance
  - Protects works, building occupants and the environment
- Concentrated
  - Lowers costs, reduces packaging and transportation impacts
- Closed-loop Packaging
  - Prevents exposure and ensures accurate dilution





### **Avoid Greenwashing**















### Multi-Attribute Certifications for Green Cleaners

**Green Seal** 

**UL EcoLogo** 

**Safer Choice** 

**Cradle to Cradle (Gold)** 













#### **Green Seal Standard**

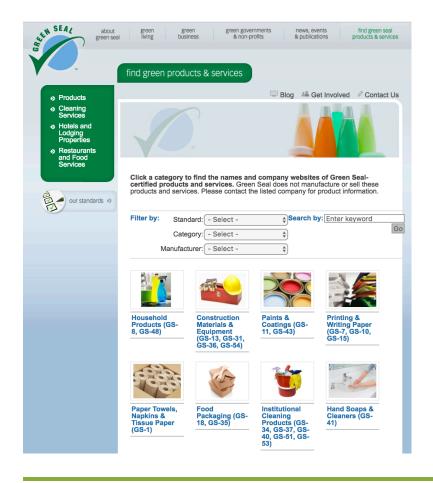


- Prohibits carcinogens, mutagens & reproductive toxins
- Prohibits asthmagens (respiratory sensitizers/general)
- VOCs must meet California's CARB limits
- Products may not be corrosive or sensitizing to skin or cause serious eye damage
- **Prohibited ingredients:** ozone-depleting compounds, heavy metals, 2-butoxyethanol, alkylphenol ethoxylates (APEs) and phthalates
- Products must meet ASTM performance standards





### How to Find Green Seal Certified Products



www.greenseal.org





# How to Find Green Seal Certified Products



Stride Floral Neutral Cleaner Concentrate
Stride Floral SC Neutral Cleaner
Stride Fragrance Free SC Neutral Cleaner

3M	3M™ Neutral Cleaner LO Cleaner Concentrate 33H, 3M™ Twist 'n Fill™ Dispensing System
<b>3M</b> 3M	3M™ Peroxide Cleaner Concentrate, 34H, 3M™ Twist 'n Fill™ Dispensing System (CDCC-As-Used-Skin/Eye)

BETCO Corporation	Green Earth Daily Floor Cleaner
BETCO Corporation	Green Earth Glass Cleaner
BETCO Corporation	Green Earth Peroxide Cleaner

ECOLAB Ecolab	Facilipro Concentrated Neutral Floor Cleaner
ECOLAB Ecolab	Facilipro Glass Cleaner
ECOLAB Ecolab	Facilipro Neutral Bathroom Cleaner GS
ECOLAB Ecolab	FaciliPro Neutral Floor Cleaner
ECOLAB Ecolab	FaciliPro Peroxide Glass & Surface Cleaner
ECOLAB Ecolab	FaciliPro Peroxide Multi-Surface Cleaner





### **UL EcoLogo**



#### **ECOLOGO Product Certification**

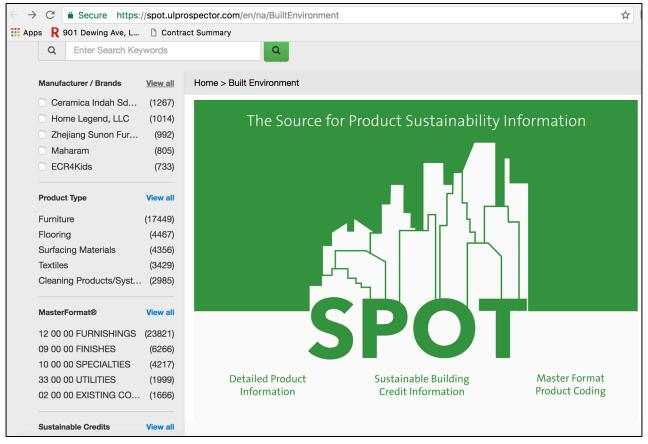


ECOLOGO Certified products, services and packaging are certified for reduced environmental impact. ECOLOGO Certifications are voluntary, multi-attribute, lifecycle based environmental certifications that indicate a product has undergone rigorous scientific testing, exhaustive auditing, or both, to prove its compliance with stringent, third-party, environmental performance standards.





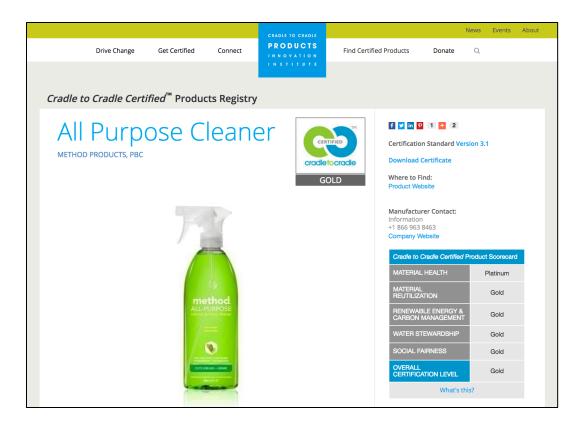
# How to Find UL EcoLogo Certified Products







### **Cradle to Cradle (Gold)**

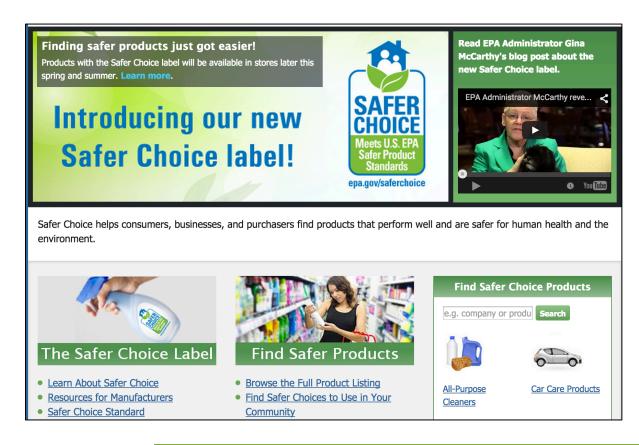


www.c2ccertified.org/products/registry





### US EPA's Safer Choice formerly Design for Environment (DfE)









# Single-Attributes Certifications for Green Cleaners

**UL GREENGUARD** 



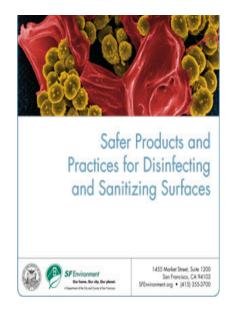
**USDA** Biobased







# Safer Disinfectants and Sanitizers



https://sfenvironment.org/sites/default/files/files/files/sfe th safer products and practices for disinf





### 11 Active Ingredients Evaluated

ACTIVE INGREDIENT	CANCER	REPRO TOX	ASTHMA	SKIN SENS	AQUATIC TOX	PERSIST
Caprylic Acid	No	No	No	No	Med acute	Low
Citric Acid	No	No	No	No	None	Low
Hydrogen Peroxide	No	No	No	No	High acute	Low
Lactic Acid	No	No	No	No	None	Low
Ortho-Phenylphenol	Known	Suspected	No	No	Very high acute	Low
Peroxyacetic Acid	No	No	Yes	No	Very high acute	Low
Pine Oil	No <sup>2</sup>	No	No	Yes	None	Low
Quats	No	Suspected	Yes	One compound	High acute, med chronic	Very High
Silver	No	No	No	No	High acute	Very High
Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine Bleach)	No	No	Yes	No	Very high acute	Low
Thymol	No	No	No	Yes	High acute	Low

# **Specifications for Safer Disinfectants and Sanitizers**

- Require EPA Registration
  - to ensure efficacy against target pathogens
- Prohibit carcinogens
  - ortho-phenyl phenol; pine oil
     (can create formaldehyde)



- Avoid asthmagens (per AOEC)
  - e.g., chlorine bleach, hydrochloric acid (HCl), and quaternary ammonium chlorides (Quats)
- Specify products with approved active ingredients
  - Hydrogen peroxide, citric acid, lactic acid





# US EPA DfE Antimicrobials Pilot Program

Design for the Environment Antimicrobial Pesticide Pilot Project: Moving Toward the Green End of the Pesticide Spectrum

We have extended the Design for the Environment Antimicrobial Pesticide Pilot until May 3, 2017.

#### On this page:

- How to participate in the pesticide DfE program
- What the DfE logo means on antimicrobial product labels
- Active ingredients approved for use in products for DfE pesticide pilot
- Authorized use of the DfE logo and consequences of unauthorized use
- List of authorized DfE products
- EPA asks for public input on how this pilot project can be improved
- Additional information

#### **Quick Resources**

- Design for the Environment Pesticide

  Bilot
- Design for the Environment Biopesticide Pilot Project
- <u>Conventional Reduced Risk Pesticide</u> <u>Program</u>
- Label Statements Pilot



Active Ingredients	Year Approved
Citric acid	2009
<u>Hydrogen peroxide</u>	2009
L-lactic acid	2009
Ethanol	2012
<u>Isopropanol</u>	2012
Peroxyacetic acid	2015
Sodium Bisulfate	2015





# Safer Disinfectants and Sanitizers



- Alpha HP Disinfecting Cleaner
  - 1:16 concentrate with H2O2
- Oxivir Five 16
  - 1:16 concentrate with H2O2
- Oxivir TB
  - RTU Spray and Wipes with H2O2

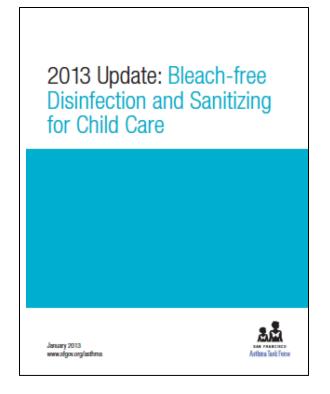


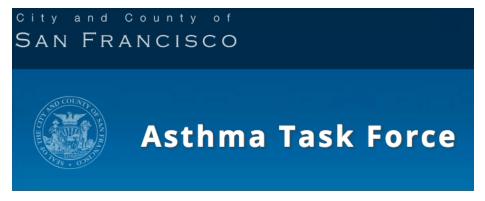
- Clorox Healthcare Hydrogen Peroxide Disinfecting Cleaner
  - RTU Spray and Wipes with H2O2





# Safer Disinfectants and Sanitizers





http://sfgov.org/asthma/child-care-settings







The Clorox Company

1212 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612 Tel. 510- 271-7000

#### Material Safety Data Sheet

I Product:	CLOROX® REGULAR-BLEACH₁				
Description:	CLEAR, LIGHT	IGHT YELLOW LIQUID WITH A CHARACTERISTIC BLEACH ODOR			
Other Designation		Distributor	Emergency Telephone Nos.		
EPA Reg. No. 5813-100		The Clorox Sales Company 1221 Broadway Oakland, CA 94612	For Medical Emergencies, call 1-800-446-1014  For Transportation Emergencies, call 1-800-424-9300 (Chemtrec).		

	Oakland, CA 94612		1-800-424-9300 (Chemtrec).		
II Health Hazard Data		III Hazardous Ingredients			
DANGER: CORROSIVE. HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED. irritation or damage to eyes, skin, and mucous membrar gloves. Vapors may irritate. Keep out of reach of children.		Ingredient Sodium hypochlorite CAS # 7681-52-9	Concentration 5 - 12%	Worker Exposure Limit Not established.	
Some clinical reports suggest a low potential for sensitization upon exaggerated exposure to sodium hypochlorite if skin damage (e.g., irritation) occurs during exposure. Under normal consumer use conditions the likelihood of any adverse health effects are low.			0.1 - 1%	2 mg/m³ - TLV-Cª 2 mg/m³ - PEL <sup>b</sup>	
of vapor or mist: heart conditions or chronic respiratory	dical conditions that may be aggravated by exposure to high concentrations vapor or mist: heart conditions or chronic respiratory problems such as nma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, or obstructive lung disease.		shold Limit Value - Ceiling. ermissible Exposure Limit - Ti	me Weighted Average.	



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# Key Elements of a Successful Green Cleaning Program



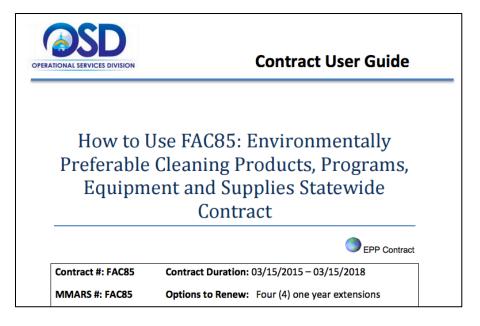


- Establish a committee
- Evaluate current products
- Identify/pilot test safer products
- Train staff with new products
- Track your success
- Phase in more green products
- Reward participating staff
- Adopt a policy





# Model Green Cleaners Contract For Other Jurisdictions to Use



www.mass.gov/anf/docs/osd/uguide/fac85.pdf

Available to public entities in MA, NY, CT, VT, NH & RI







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# Model Green Cleaners Contract For Other Jurisdictions to Use



#### **Oregon Department of Administrative Services**

155 Cottage Street NE, U20 Salem, Oregon 97301-3966

#### News Release

#### For Immediate Release

Media Contacts:

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#### Two-state effort reduces public exposure to toxic chemicals

Salem, Ore., July 30: Government offices and schools across the Northwest will be healthier places to work and visit thanks to a new "green" janitorial supplies contract developed by Oregon's <u>Department of Administrative Services</u> in partnership with Washington's <u>Department of Enterprise Services</u>.

The contract -- developed with support from the <u>Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Washington Department of Ecology</u> and <u>Responsible Purchasing Network</u> -- will supply public agencies with people- and planet-friendly janitorial supplies that reduce the use of toxic chemicals without increasing costs.

**Available to public entities in Oregon and Washington** 





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### National Healthy Schools Network Resources

Green Cleaning / Healthy Products





www.cleaningforhealthyschools.org





#### **Questions?**



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### **Polling Question #2**

What is the status of your organization's green cleaning program?

**VOTE NOW** 







## **Polling Question #3**

## What is your greatest green cleaning challenge?

**VOTE NOW** 







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# Learning to Clean With Safer Chemicals

Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) Green Cleaning Webinar a National Healthy Schools Event

May 3, 2017

## **Baltimore City Public Schools**

(39)

82,00 students

181 school programs

48% cleaned by staff

52% cleaned by contractors



#### Notes:

- Decentralized model
- Multiple charter schools
- Green Schools Coordinator

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## Why Green Cleaning?



#### **Maryland Green Cleaning for Schools Law**

#### Requires all schools to:

- Adopt a Green Cleaning Policy
- Use third party-certified green cleaning products
- Train staff



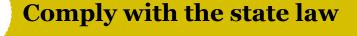






## Our green cleaning goals



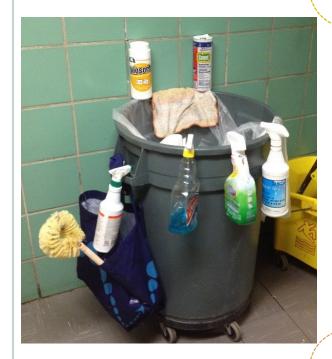


Support our sustainability goals

Provide 2-3 options to schools

Accommodate different cleaners and school types

Reduce the number of custodial distributors



## **Cleaning for Health**

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#### **Cleaning for Health**

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Keeping schools clean is a tough job. Schools are densely occupied, used for many hours each day, and foot traffic brings in and stirs up dirt and dust. Commercial cleaning chemicals can add to indoor air pollution and may create health hazards to both cleaning staff and students, especially those with asthma. We can have schools that are clean, and that promote student, staff, visitor and environmental health.

#### Did you know that we are required to use green cleaning products?

The State of Maryland has enacted a law to protect children, teachers, and custodial staff from harmful health impacts from toxic cleaning products. The law states that all school districts in Maryland must procure "green product cleaning supplies." The supplies are routine cleaning and facility maintenance products that perform well and have positive health and environmental attributes, including biodegradability, low toxicity, low volatile organic compound (VOC) content, reduced packaging, low life-cycle energy use, and other "reduced effects on human health and the environment when compared to competing products that serve the sure purpose." City Schools now has a Sustainability Policy that also requires the use of green cleaning products.

Green cleaning supplies include the following categories:

- · General purpose cleaners
- Bathroom cleaners
- Carpet cleaners
- Floor cleaners, finishes and strippers
- Wall cleaners
- ----
- Desk cleaners
   Surface cleaners
- Whiteboard cleaners
- Soa



#### Conventional cleaning products pose serious risks to human health and the environment.

Custodial staff, students and teachers spend a lot of time indoors. Consequently, they may experience prolonged and depeated exposure to cleaning chemicals. Health hazards associated with exposure to cleaning products include:

- Chemical burns to the eyes and skin
- Asthma
- Cancer
- Reproductive and developmental harm
- Poisoning of organs
- Hormonal interference
- Damage to immune and nervous systems

Children are more vulnerable than adults to the hazards of toxic cleaning products because they are smaller, closer to the floor (where many products are applied), and often put their hands into their mouths.

Cleaning chemicals can also find their way into local water sources, where they can form toxic by-products, concentrate in (and harm) fish and other aquatic species, contaminate drinking water, or contribute to algae blo

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- Emphasis on protecting the health of custodians, students, and the environment.
- Move away from negative past experiences
- Develop general information materials for online toolkit

http:// www.baltimorecityschools.org/ Page/28443

#### **Key Partners**



Green Schools
Coordinator
Funded by Baltimore
Community
Foundation

#### **RPN**

Funded by Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation and Town Creek Foundation

#### **Facilities**

Area Facilities Managers

## **Principals & Custodians**

Hosted pilot testing

#### **Manufacturers**

Samples, dispensers, technical information

#### **Distributors**

Technical information, pricing

#### Researched other programs





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## **Sustainability Policy and Green Cleaning Regulation**

#### Meanwhile....

- Worked on a Sustainability Policy for City Schools
- Developed language
  - Researched other school districts
  - Worked with multiple departments legal, operations, academics, finance
  - Input from Green Schools Network staff and partner advocates
- Passed in June 2016
  - Sustainability Policy
  - Sustainability Administrative Regulation
  - o Energy, Water, and Resource Conservation Administrative Regulation
  - Green Cleaning Administrative Regulation

#### Switched to a DISTRICT-WIDE program

(46)

**Better pricing** 

Limited principal knowledge

Easier custodial training

**Easier** monitoring

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## Researched daily cleaning chemicals with RPN

Developed environmental and health criteria for green cleaners:



- Certified by Green Seal or UL EcoLogo
- Packaged in closed-loop containers
- Available with multi-unit dilution system



- Fewest number of products possible
  - General purpose cleaner
  - Floor cleaner
  - Disinfectant





#### Researched safer disinfectants with RPN

- (48)
- Approved active ingredients:
  - H2O2 Hydrogen peroxide
  - Citric acid
- Avoided active ingredients (asthmagens and carcinogens):
  - Chlorine bleach
  - Quaternary ammonium chloride compounds
  - Ortho-phenylphenol
- Pending active ingredients
  - Ethyl alcohol (under review)

- Reviewed US EPAapproved product labels to assess efficacy against specific pathogens (bacteria, viruses, fungi)
- Evaluated health risks on label and SDS
- Evaluated cost & concentration levels

## Preparing for the pilot



- Selected three schools plus our headquarters
- Chose Diversey and 3M
- Tested each line for 3 weeks



## Pilot details, part 1



Green Schools Coordinator (GSC) met with schools

Manufacturers installed dispensers

Manufacturers trained custodians on-site

GSC administered questionnaire to custodians and principals

## Custodian & principal questionnaire



Baltimore City Public Schools - Cleaning For Health - Evaluation Form	
Date	Evaluator
Facility	Interviewer
Product type	Product name
Manufacturer & Rep	Green certification(s)
Distributor & Rep	Dilution System
Where was this product tested? (e.g., restrooms, classrooms, hallways, kitchen, etc.)	
What surfaces was this product tested on? (floors, walls, mirrors, toilets, etc.)	
How was this product applied (e.g., conventional mop, microfiber mop, sponge, rag, etc.)	
How would you rate the effectiveness of this product?	Would you recommend it? (Y/N)
What do you like BEST about this product?	
What do you like LEAST about this product?	
How would you rate the TRAINING for this product (1=poor, 3=average, 5=excellent)? Please provide COMMENTS.	
Additional Comments	

## Pilot details, part 2



#### Ranked products

Met with Health & Safety staff

Addressed special situations, e.g., gym mats

Negotiated price

Selected product line



## Pilot, part 3

- Train custodians for more than 20 minutes
- Test products for more than three weeks
- Test products during a break to allow for deep cleaning
- Skeptics can be convinced, but you can't satisfy everyone



#### What we chose





- J-Fill Quattro dispenser
- Stride HC Neutral cleaner floors
- Alpha-HP Multi-surface disinfectant and cleaner – restrooms and disinfecting
- PerDiem all purpose cleaner
- Oxivir Tb for wrestling mats, weights, etc. at high schools only

#### **Challenges & Solutions**

Communication Contractors clean half our & annual affidavit buildings Schools may have staff and Communication contractors Survey and Charter schools annual have autonomy certification Multiple Reducing number of janitorial supply distributors distributors

## Rollout details, part 1



District leadership

Paying for each schools' starter set of chemicals

Communication with school leadership

Communication with contractors

## Rollout details, part 2



Communication with charter schools

Survey of each school for number of dispensers

Coordination of installation & training

Compliance and ongoing training

## **New questions**

## The City Health Department disinfects school nurses' suites with bleach. What should they use instead?

Need disinfectants with higher efficacy against bloodborne pathogens, other viruses, and bacteria, and shorter dwell time (1-2 minutes max)

## My school serves students with severe physical disabilities who mouth toys and furniture. What should I use?

Need disinfectants that may be put in the mouth

## I am a teacher trying to keep my classroom clean. What should I use?

Need to provide options to clean, or to clean and disinfect, and options if school is cleaned by staff and/or contractors.

## I am a cafeteria manager cleaning dishes, tables, and more. What should I use?

This research comes next!

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#### Next steps

Finish initial installation and training

Monitor compliance

Answer questions

Add resources

Ongoing training

Kitchens and cafeterias

Floor finish

Hand soap & paper products







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#### Resources

#### BCPS Cleaning for Health Toolkit

http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/Page/28443

#### BCPS Sustainability Policy & Administrative Regulations

http://www.baltimorecityschools.org/Page/29999

#### Maryland Environmental Health Network's *Green Cleaning in Maryland Schools* webpage

http://www.mdehn.org/impact-areas/green-cleaning-in-maryland-schools/

## **Questions?**

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## **Polling Question #4**

Would you like to work collaboratively to develop a model green cleaning policy, a purchasing contract, or training resources?

**VOTE NOW** 

